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Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on Wheels

Overall goal:	By going mobile, the Florida DMV plans to reach more citizens and thus provide better service.
Technical approach:	The MiniFLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) is composed of two compact modules that together form an entire driver's licensing office that can be transported in a standard commercial van. MiniFLOW is an offshoot of FLOWmobile, a similar concept on a larger scale. FLOWmobile is contained on a bus, rather than a van, and features wheelchair lifts, air conditioning and a cellular link to the state DMV databases. However, the FLOWmobile is limited to serving only 3-4 customers at a time, because the entire setup is contained on the bus. MiniFLOW is driven to a location and the modules set up in an open space, allowing service to any number of customers.
Current status:	The department has been offering mobile services since 1988. MiniFLOW was introduced this year in the Orlando area.
Location / geographic scope:	The state of Florida
Agencies involved:	Florida Division of Driver Licenses.
Cost information:	Setup cost: \$23,689 Annual cost: \$1,620 Cost per mile: \$.20.
Key contacts:	Bill Shepard, 407.623.1010.
Have goals been achieved?	Yes, the system has been successful bringing DMV services to more citizens.
Solution timeline:	Mobile DMV program began in 1988 and is ongoing.



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